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1. THESSALONIKI WEEKEND PAPERS CONTINUE PROMINENT COVERAGE OF GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE WITH JUNE 8 ATHENS NEWS AGENCY RELEASE ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES, REPORTED JUNE 7 STATEMENT BY EX-GOT PM DEMIREL THAT AEGEAN ISLANDS SHOULD BELONG TO TURKEY, AND JUNE 7 "LE MONDE" REPORT THAT US SEEKING REVISION OF MONTREUX TREATY ON STRAITS. FOLLOWING ARE NOTEWORTHY LOCAL ITEMS THIS SUBJECT APPEARING IN CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS":

2. CHIEF ED KYROU COMMENTS ON JUNE 9 THAT DEMIREL IS "MOST SINCERE" TURK IN VOICING GOT CLAIMS TO ISLANDS. SUCH COURSE, HOWEVER, WOULD BE "FATAL" TO TURKS WHO WOULD BE "DROWNED IN AEGEAN". IN SIMILAR VEIN, KYROU COLUMN ON JUNE 8 CARRIES LONG LETTER FROM EX-ERE MINISTER DIONYSIOS MANENTIS
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ADVOCATING "GENEROUS" CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GREEK

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SHIPOWNERS TO BOLSTER GOG NAVAL FORCES DURING
"DIFFICULT HOURS FOR COUNTRY".

3. IN SECOND EDITORIAL RE TURKEY ON JUNE 9 , EX VP OF NATIONAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE NICOLAOS MERTZOS ALSO TAKES
ANTI-TURKISH LINE CHARGING THAT ANKARA HAS "UNI-
LATERALLY ABOLISHED" TREATY OF LAUSANNE BY HOSTILE
STANCE. MERTZOS COMMENTS THAT GOT FEARS EXTENSION
OF TERRITORIAL WATER LIMITS AT CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE
WHICH WOULD "DIMINISH STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF STRAITS".
SAME PAPER CARRIES FRONTPAGE REPORT FROM ISTANBUL
ON ALLEGED "HURRIYET" ARTICLE JUNE 5 THAT "GREECE WILL
BRIBE LEGAL ADVISERS AT CARACAS" TO INFLUENCE
CONFERENCE.
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